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Lenten Appeal 2024

Dear <<Salutation>>,



"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

ISAIAH 40:31

The holy season of Lent is upon us. We thank you, Lord Jesus, for this time of prayerful reflection so we may humbly pursue spiritual renewal and awakening. This year, Lent is particularly meaningful as your children are suffering greatly in the land where you were born and crucified. Lord, we pray that you show mercy and compassion towards them as they endure untold hardships.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to make a difference in their lives and ease their worries. As faithful supporters of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, thank you for being a light in the darkness for many suffering Holy Land Christians. As we observe Lent in the weeks leading up to Easter and the celebration of our risen Savior, please prayerfully consider a donation to FFHL to help these men, women and children.

Your philanthropic support helps us connect Christians with access to sustainable employment, safe housing, and life-changing education and provides essential resources and programs that enable them to remain and thrive in the birthplace of our Savior. Your support reminds them that they are not alone on their faith journey. In these times of great uncertainty and unrest, your dedication to preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land is even more crucial. We must continue working together to safeguard a legacy that is central to our faith.

Thank you for your generous sacrifices, faithful support and your prayers. And I humbly ask you to answer the Lord's call to serve each other's needs and consider a gift to bless the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Fr. Peter praying the Stations of the Cross along an empty Via Dolorosa, typically filled with pilgrims.



Woman praying at the Holy Sepulchre, built on the site of Jesus' crucifixion and burial.

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(Over, please!)

Your Gifts Make A Difference

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As Easter approaches, let us reflect on the words of our Savior: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." Your generosity brings these words to life, offering hope to the faithful Christians who call the Holy Land their home.

May your Lenten journey bring you spiritual renewal and may the blessings of Easter guide your way. Please know that I will continue to keep you and your loved ones in my daily prayers. May you have a meaningful Lent and jubilant Easter celebration.

Yours in the Spirit of St. Francis,

Father Peter F. Vasko, OFM
President of FFHL



The Franciscan Boy's Home provides safe shelter, education, faith and love to young boys in need.



The education of youth in the Holy Land, like these young children, is a vital pillar of FFHL's mission.



Due to the crisis in the Holy Land and lack of pilgrims, many Christian vendors and business owners are now without jobs or income.

P.S. – Please use the enclosed card to send your prayer intentions. I will carry your intentions with me; and, as I pray in Gethsemane, I will not pray alone. As I walk the Via Dolorosa, I will not walk alone. As I kneel at Calvary, I will not kneel alone. We will pray, walk, and kneel together. I will also be honored to offer a Mass for your intentions during the Easter season.

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Fr. Peter F. Vasko and the members of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land will be praying for you and your family. Please list below any special prayer intentions you may have during this season.

My prayer intentions:
